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SUBJECT: SUDAN'S SUPPORT FOR SADAT: HEALING OF INTRA-ARAB WOUNDS

1. AS I ENTERED SUDANESE PRESIDENCY TO PRESENT PRESIDENT
CARTER'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION (SEPTELS), YEMENI FOREIGN
MINISTER ABDULLAH AL-ASNAJ WAS JUST LEAVING.

2. AFTER READING PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE, NIMEIRI ASKED ME
TO CONVEY TO U.S. PRESIDENT HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR
EFFORTS BEING MADE TO SUPPORT SADAT, KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM
ON THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND RESTORE UNITY AMONG ARAB
FRONT-LINE STATES. THESE COMPARED MOST FAVORABLY WITH BARN-
BURNING TACTICS OF BREZHNEV AND HIS STOOGES QADDHAFI, NIMEIRI
SAID HE HAD ALSO SEEN TELEVISED SADAT-BEGIN PRESS CONFERENCE
FROM ISMILIAH AND HE THOUGHT THAT ISRAELI POSITION AS SET
FORTH BY BEGIN WAS NOT TOO BAD FOR OPENERS 6 "AFTER ALL, HE
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JOKED, "BEGIN OFFERED AUTONOMY TO THE PALESTINIANS. THAT IS
WHAT WE GAVE THE SOUTHERNERS AND WHAT WE HOPE THE ETHIOPIANS
WILL GIVE THE ERITREANS."

3. NIMEIRI SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED TO AL-ASNAJ THREE THINGS
THAT COULD BE DONE IN A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT INTRA-
ARAB SITUATION. FIRST, SAID NIMEIRI, SADAT SHOULD EITHER VISIT

A NUMBER OF KEY ARAB CAPITALS OR SEND MESSAGES TO ARAB RULERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, NIMEIRI REPORTED THAT SADAT WOULD BE VISITING KHARTOUM WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS.

4. THE NEXT STEP, SAID NIMEIRI, WAS TO STEP UP THE NUMBER OF ARAB-LEAGUE-WIDE MEETINGS OF MINISTERS OTHER THAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. MEETINGS HELD IN NON-CONTROVERSIAL ARAB CAPITALS AMONG SUCH OFFICIALS AS MINISTERS OF JUSTICE AND MINISTERS OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND MESSAGE SENSITIVITIES.

5. ONCE THE PROPER GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID, SAID NIMEIRI, SUDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, AND YEMEN SHOULD THEN DRAFT AND SPONSOR A COMPREHENSIVE DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR SADAT AND SEEK AS MANY ARAB ADHERENTS AS POSSIBLE.

6. COMMENT: I WAS HAPPY TO LEARN FROM CAIRO'S 23142 THAT SADAT NOW PLANS TO VISIT KHARTOUM. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR FATATRI TELLS ME NIMEIRI HAS BEEN PRESSING HIM HARD TO ARRANGE SUCH A VISIT. AS OF DECEMBER 28, CAIRO HAD NOT RESPONDED TO FATATRI'S ENTREATIES. FATATRI ASKED ME AT THAT TIME TO URGE THAT AMBASSADOR EILTS WEIGH IN WITH SADAT. FACT IS THAT SADAT VISIT HERE WILL BE HELPFUL TO NIMEIRI. SO FAR AS WE CAN TELL, NIMEIRI'S SUPPORT FOR SADAT HAS SOLID BACKING AMONG SUDANESE GENERALLY. HOWEVER, SUDANESE TEND TO GET A BIT QUERULOUS WHEN NIMEIRI'S REPEATED TRIPS TO CAIRO ARE NOT RECIPROCATED. CONFIDENTIAL

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